



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM FOR IMAGE DATA COMPRESSION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the due date for response to December 7, 2005.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9-10, 13 and 15-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Asai et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,841,935 ("Asai").

Independent claims 1, 6, and 15 are directed to "adding new compression information regarding new compression processing." The Examiner asserts that Asai discloses adding new compression information regarding new compression processing citing col. 5, lines 45-58. However in Asai, the color frame information is extracted from the input video signal. The